

CLAIMS

1. A boot for a fuel dispensing nozzle, comprising:
  - a boot adapted to fit over at least a portion of a fuel dispensing nozzle; and
  - a sound system mounted in said boot.
2. A boot as defined in claim 1, wherein said sound system includes a speaker and a playback device coupled to said speaker.
3. A boot as defined in claim 2, wherein said playback device includes a printed circuit that contains an integrated circuit having recorded messages contained thereon for audible playback through said speaker.
4. A boot as defined in claim 3, wherein said integrated circuit comprises a record/playback integrated circuit that can record received audio messages for later playback through said speaker.
5. A boot as defined in claim 4, wherein said sound system includes an antenna coupled to said integrated circuit, wherein wireless messages received via said antenna can be stored on said integrated circuit for later playback through said speaker.
6. A boot as defined in claim 2, wherein said sound system includes one or more batteries for operating said playback device and said speaker.

7. A boot as defined in claim 1, further comprising a switch for activating said sound system.

8. A boot as defined in claim 7, wherein said boot is mounted on a fuel dispensing nozzle and wherein said switch activates said sound system as a result of inverting the fuel dispensing nozzle to dispense fuel from the nozzle.

9. A boot as defined in claim 7, wherein, once activated by said switch, said sound system plays one or more audio messages and then becomes deactive.

10. A boot as defined in claim 7, wherein said sound system is housed inside an enclosed cavity within said boot.

11. A fuel dispensing nozzle, comprising:  
a housing having a fluid flow passage;  
a spout attached to said housing to receive fluid flowing through said passage;  
a valve mounted in said housing to control the flow of fluid through said passage;  
an actuator coupled to said valve for use in actuating said valve; and  
a sound system attached to said housing.

12. A fuel dispensing nozzle as defined in claim 11, wherein said sound system includes a speaker and a playback device coupled to said speaker.

13. A fuel dispensing nozzle as defined in claim 12, wherein said playback device includes a printed circuit

that contains an integrated circuit having recorded messages contained thereon for audible playback through said speaker.

14. A fuel dispensing nozzle as defined in claim 13, wherein said integrated circuit comprises a record/playback integrated circuit that can record received audio messages for later playback through said speaker.

15. A fuel dispensing nozzle as defined in claim 14, wherein said sound system includes an antenna coupled to said integrated circuit, wherein wireless messages received via said antenna can be stored on said integrated circuit for later playback through said speaker.

16. A fuel dispensing nozzle as defined in claim 12, wherein said sound system includes one or more batteries for operating said playback device and said speaker.

17. A fuel dispensing nozzle as defined in claim 11, further comprising a switch for activating said sound system.

18. A fuel dispensing nozzle as defined in claim 17, wherein said switch activates said sound system as a result of inverting the fuel dispensing nozzle to dispense fuel from the nozzle.

19. A fuel dispensing nozzle as defined in claim 17, wherein said actuator is coupled to said switch such that said switch activates said sound system when the actuator is operated to control fluid flow via said valve.

20. A fuel dispensing nozzle as defined in claim 17, wherein, once activated by said switch, said sound system plays one or more audio messages and then becomes deactive.

21. A fuel dispensing nozzle as defined in claim 7, wherein said sound system is located in an enclosed cavity within said housing.

22. A boot for a fuel dispensing nozzle, comprising:  
a boot adapted to fit over at least a portion of a fuel dispensing nozzle; and  
a video system mounted in said boot.

23. A fuel dispensing nozzle, comprising:  
a housing having a fluid flow passage;  
a spout attached to said housing to receive fluid flowing through said passage;  
a valve mounted in said housing to control the flow of fluid through said passage;  
an actuator coupled to said valve for use in actuating said valve; and  
a video system attached to said housing.